



Atty. Dkt. No. 062834-0200

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael J. BURK et al.
Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR AUDITING
PERFORMANCE IN A SUPPLY CHAIN
FRAMEWORK
Appl. No.: 09/816,560
Filing Date: 03/23/2001
Examiner: Elaine L. Gort
Art Unit: 3627

RECEIVED
OCT 12 2004
GROUP 3000

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Group II (Claims 7-18), drawn to a system/computer program product for auditing performance in a supply chain framework for prosecution in the subject application in order to advance the prosecution of this application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 7, 2004

By

FOLEY & LARDNER, LLP
Customer Number: 22428
Telephone: (202) 672-5485
Facsimile: (202) 672-5399

William T. Ellis
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 26,874